



ALABAMA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

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MINUTES Board Meeting Friday, October 30, 2009

The Alabama Board of Massage Therapy met on Friday, October 30, 2009, at the Board Office, located at 610 S. McDonough Street, Montgomery, Alabama, in order to conduct business. The following members were in attendance: Ms. Cynthia Harris (Chair), Mr. Lance Gilliland (Vice Chair), Ms. Gwen Motley, Ms. Angel Stacy, Mr. Willie Devold and Mr. Michael Stephens. Board member(s) not in attendance were Mr. Foad J. Araiinejad. Also in attendance were Mr. Keith E. Warren (Executive Director), Mr. Bill Garrett (Legal Counsel) and Mr. Randy Barrows (Executive Assistant). A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m.

Public notice of this meeting was published on the Secretary of State's web site at www.sos.alabama.gov in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act and advertised on the Board's web site at www.almtbd.alabama.gov.

The minutes from the July 10, 2009 and August 21, 2009 meetings were presented for the Board to review. Mr. Devold made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gilliland and the Board voted as follows: Mr. Gilliland – Aye, Mr. Stephens – Aye, Mr. Devold – Aye, Ms. Motley – Aye and Ms. Stacy – Abstained. The motion was approved by the Board.

Ms. Motley made a motion to approve the Massage Therapist Applications presented to the Board (list attached). The motion was seconded by Mr. Devold and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren presented an application submitted by Misty R. Glover for a Massage Therapist License by special review. After review and discussion, Ms. Motley made a motion to approve the application for licensure with the following requirements:

- 1) Submit Documentation that Ms. Glover has complied with monthly required visits to her Alabama Probation Officer until May 2010
- 2) Agree to Random Drug Testing and Report to the Board until November 2010

Once Ms. Glover agrees to the above stipulations, the license may be issued and placed under probation. The motion was seconded by Ms. Stacy and the Board voted as follows:

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Mr. Gilliland – Aye, Mr. Stephens – Aye, Ms. Motley – Aye, Ms. Stacy – Aye and Mr. Devold – Nay. The motion was approved by the Board.

Ms. Motley made a motion to approve the Massage Therapy Instructors License Applications presented to the Board (List Attached). The motion was seconded by Mr. Stephens and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Gilliland made a motion to approve the Massage Therapy School Renewals for Massage Therapy Institute, Montgomery School of Bodywork and Massage, Red Mountain Institute, Inc., and Lurleen B. Wallace Community College. The motion was seconded by Mr. Devold and unanimously approved by the Board.

Ms. Motley made a motion to approve the Continuing Education Providers presented to the Board (List Attached). The motion was seconded by Mr. Devold and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren delivered the Executive Director Report as well as distributed a detailed list of all payment vouchers and deposits (List Attached). Mr. Devold made a motion to approve the financial information as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Motley and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren presented the specifications for the invitation to bid for investigative services. After review, Mr. Gilliland made a motion to approve the specs and submit to the Department of Purchasing to open bids for investigative services. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stephens and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren presented information and a request from the Alabama State Board of Chiropractic Examiners regarding Cranial Release Technique. The Chiropractic Board presented an advertisement from Ms. Michelle Kemper, LMT, in Mobile, Alabama, advertising Cranial Release Technique. After research and discussion, Ms. Motley made a motion that Cranial Release Technique is out of the scope of practice of a licensed massage therapist and that the Board will include this as an article in its next newsletter as well as write a letter to Ms. Kemper asking her to remove any reference to Cranial Release Technique in all of her advertisements. The motion was seconded by Mr. Devold and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board reviewed and discussed proposed legislative changes. Ms. Harris researched the current requirements of schools being accredited by the Department of Education which resulted in the information that they do have a certification for schools and not an accreditation process. Mr. Harris recommended the change of “Accredited” to “Certified.” The Board made various changes to the terms in the definition of massage therapy. Mr. Warren was directed to work with Legislative Reference Service to have these changes submitted and draft legislation prepared to be reviewed at the December meeting.

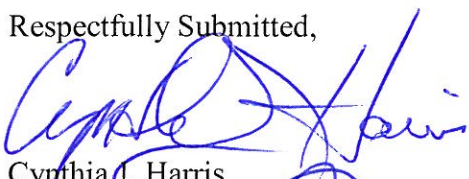
Mr. Ague presented a request of clarification regarding the supervised massage hours in a school program. There have been no changes and the Board did not feel that any changes needed to be made to the current requirements. Mr. Warren will respond to Mr. Ague accordingly.

A letter addressed to Mr. Garrett from Mr. Roy Yang of Acu Well regarding the removal of "massage" from his advertisement and that the inclusion of "massage" was by mistake and will be removed. The Board appreciates the efforts of Mr. Yang of informing the Board of this mistake.

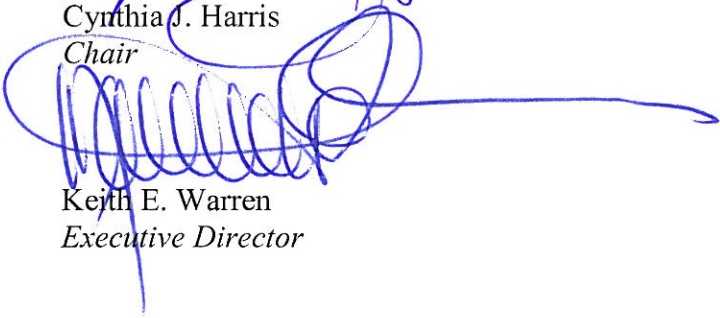
Mr. Warren presented the Board with an Agreement from Alabama Interactive regarding the development of Online Renewals for the Board's licensees. Mr. Devold made a motion to enter into this agreement with Alabama Interactive. The motion was seconded by Ms. Motley and unanimously approved by the Board.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Monday, November 30, 2009, beginning at 10:00 a.m. There being no further business, the Board adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cynthia J. Harris
Chair



Keith E. Warren
Executive Director